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TO:

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FROM:

Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. Janahan & helding me Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT:

NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT

A NOTICE OF AWARD FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND

RESPONSE

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on July 26, 2011, to accept a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Notice of Award (NA) for the term August 10, 2011 through August 9, 2012, at an amount to be determined by the CDC, estimated not to exceed \$22,000,000 per grant term, to support the upgrade of local public health jurisdictional preparedness efforts in order to respond to acts of bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious diseases, and other public health threats and emergencies, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept CDC NA 2U90TP917012-11, in the amount of \$20,404,916; for the period of August 10, 2011 through August 9, 2012. This funding represents a reduction of approximately \$1.8 million from the 2010-11 budget term.

The purpose of CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement is to assist state, local, and territorial/freely associated state health departments to demonstrate measurable and sustainable progress toward achieving public health preparedness capabilities as identified by the CDC.

The funding is distributed as follows:

Base award of \$16,104,734: These funds will support Department of Public Health efforts to promote safer and more resilient communities, strengthening capabilities in the areas of community preparedness, community recovery, emergency public information and warning, fatality management, information sharing, mass care, medical surge, non-pharmaceutical interventions, public

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health laboratory testing, public health surveillance and epidemiological investigation, and responder safety and health. Specifically, funding will support personnel costs, services, and supplies associated with emergency response activities.

- Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) award of \$3,151,142: These funds will support emergency operations coordination, medical countermeasure dispensing, medical material management and distribution, and volunteer management capabilities related to all-hazards events, such as large-scale biological attacks. Activities will include the establishment of medication dispensing sites for the delivery of vaccine and antibiotics to the public, the distribution of medical supplies to hospitals and clinics, and the management of medical volunteers.
- Risk-Based award of \$1,149,040: These funds will support a pilot project to promote and accelerate the development of strategies that mitigate the public health risks associated with higher population areas by conducting a hazard vulnerability assessment within the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana metropolitan statistical area (MSA); establishing a coordinated and synchronized community preparedness planning effort within the MSA; coordinating and developing a plan that addresses gaps and needs across the MSA; and developing risk mitigation plans to specifically address the public health, medical, and mental/behavioral health needs/risks of the community, including vulnerable populations.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the CDC's NA 2U90TP917012-11 as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JEF:ev #01946

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors